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29 December 1980

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 29 December 1980

The Director was out of the city; Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting.

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Mr. Carlucci reported on a telephone conversation from DCI-designate William Casey, who noted that while most of the transition team was being disbanded, Roy Godson and Lionel Umber will be working in preparation for his confirmation. Also, Mr. Casey advised that George Carver, John Bross, Walter Pforzheimer, and [redacted] are working on a special assignment for Casey analyzing the evaluation of NFAC product. Mr. Carlucci added that the focus will be clarified when he meets with them later this morning. Mr. Carlucci conveyed Mr. Casey's observation that he is in charge and for those here not to interpret individual transition team member attitudes or positions as reflecting his own. He noted Mr. Casey plans no radical changes before confirmation and that any that follow will be thoroughly discussed with senior officers here prior to implementation. He noted Mr. Casey has not yet picked a DDCI but is taking a studied, measured approach toward selecting candidates. Mr. Carlucci asked that attendees pass Mr. Casey's views down the line to their staffs. In response to a question, Mr. Carlucci noted that those in attendance should respond directly to Mr. Casey's requests for information or documents keeping him or [redacted] informed. [redacted]

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Clarke advised that Evan Hineman would be on a trip for two weeks and Helene Boatner is Acting DD/NFA.

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In response to Mr. Carlucci's query, advised that Mr. Casey's confirmation hearings are set for 13 or 14 January.

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Silver said that on 24 December they were advised that the Court of Appeals had upheld a District judge's unilateral declassification of materials being reflected in camera in an FOIA case. There will now be a constitutional test between the judiciary and the executive. Our position re the need to revise FOIA will perhaps be strengthened as a result.

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